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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to information collected from applicants for
2 education savings accounts and information reported by
3 the department of education, and including effective date
4 provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known and may be
2 cited as the "Education Savings Account Transparency Act".

3 Sec. 2. Section 257.11B, subsection 3, as enacted by 2023
4 Iowa Acts, House File 68, section 7, is amended by adding the
5 following new paragraph:

6 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* As part of the application, the parent
7 or guardian shall provide information regarding household
8 income, household size, race and ethnicity of the pupil,
9 disability status, and whether the pupil has an individual
10 education program. The department of education or third-party
11 entity shall anonymize, summarize, and report such application
12 information annually to the general assembly by December 1
13 along with all of the following:

14 (1) Household income, household size, race and ethnicity,
15 disability status, and individual education plan status of the
16 pupil receiving the education savings account payment.

17 (2) Geographic and district of residence data for the pupil
18 receiving the education savings account payment.

19 (3) Education type and location for the pupil for the school
20 year preceding the year receiving the education savings account
21 payment.

22 (4) A categorized list of all reasons for recipient
23 withdrawals or expulsions from nonpublic schools occurring
24 prior to the conclusion of the nonpublic school's required
25 attendance period. Each nonpublic school shall report to the
26 department of education or third-party entity the reasons
27 for a pupil's withdrawal or expulsion within ten days of the
28 occurrence.

29 (5) Each nonpublic school's tuition and fees at each
30 grade level and such amounts for the preceding two school
31 years. Each nonpublic school shall annually report to the
32 department of education or third-party entity the tuition and
33 fee information described in this subparagraph.

34 (6) An annual summary of the qualified educational
35 expenditures by education savings account recipients. Within

1 thirty days following the conclusion of the school year for
2 which an education savings account payment was received, the
3 parent or guardian shall file with the department of education
4 or third-party entity a statement that includes each nonpublic
5 school the pupil attended and an itemized list of all qualified
6 educational expenses paid for the child during the school year
7 using education savings account funds.

8 (7) All audits conducted by the department of education or
9 other state agency, or a third-party entity.

10 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
11 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 2023 Iowa Acts, House File 68, established the education
16 savings account program under Code section 257.11B to provide
17 education savings account payments to qualified pupils
18 attending nonpublic schools for the payment of qualified
19 educational expenses. This bill requires, as part of the
20 application, the parent or guardian to provide information
21 regarding household income, household size, race and ethnicity
22 of the pupil, disability status, and whether the pupil has an
23 individual education program. The department of education or
24 third-party entity administering the program shall anonymize,
25 summarize, and report such information annually to the general
26 assembly by December 1 along with other information required in
27 the bill relating to demographic and educational information
28 of education savings account recipients, reasons for student
29 withdrawals or expulsions during the school year, audits
30 conducted related to the program, and nonpublic school tuition
31 and fee information and qualified educational expenditure
32 information, as required to be reported in the bill.

33 The bill takes effect upon enactment.